

# An ACCOUNT of the Number of Forts and Castles,

Necessary to be Kept up and Maintained on the

## COAST of AFRICA,

F O R

Preserving and Securing to Great Britain

T H E

## TRADE to Those PARTS;

A N D

What the *Lowest Charge* of Keeping and Maintaining each of Them may amount unto, exclusive of the Charge of Governors, Agents, Factors, and Others, Employ'd there in the COMPANY's Trade.

### D I S T I N G U I S H I N G

How much of the said *Charge* may be paid in GREAT BRITAIN, and how much in AFRICA.

James's FORT, in the River Gambia, is, as the Company conceive necessary to be kept, because it commands and protects the whole Trade of that great River: And the lowest Charge, which, as they apprehend it can be kept for, is as follows,

36 Great Guns:

For one Officer, to inspect the Fortification, and discipline the Garrison, at 60*l.* Salary, and 40*l.* Diet, — — — — —  
For one Serjeant, at 30*l.* Salary, and 20*l.* Diet, — — — — —  
For two Corporals, 20*l.* and 15*l.* each, — — — — —  
For one Gunner, at 30*l.* and 20*l.* — — — — —  
For two Gunner's Mates, at 20*l.* and 15*l.* each, — — — — —  
For one Surgeon, at 80*l.* and 40*l.* — — — — —  
For one Surgeon's Mate, at 30*l.* and 10*l.* — — — — —  
For nine White Artificers, at 30*l.* and 20*l.* each. — — — — —  
For thirty White Soldiers, at 13*l.* and 14*l.* each, — — — — —  
For fifty Castle Slaves, for the Service of the Garrison, at 4*l.* per Annum each, Subsistence Money, — — — — —

Paid in England One Half of the Salary per Annum.	Paid in Africa the other Half of the Salary, and whole Diet, per Annum.	Paid in Great Cape Coast one half salary per Annum.
30	70	100
15	35	50
20	50	70
15	35	50
20	50	70
40	80	120
25	55	80
135	315	450
180	630	810
	200	200
600		
1200		
1080   2120   3200		

Incident Charges, being for Recruits, Medicines, Small Arms, Powder, Shot, and other Ammunition, Bricks, Tiles, Terras, Timber, Boards, Ironwork, and other Materials, for repairing the Fort; and for all Sorts of Instruments, Stores, and Tools, for Surgeons, Gunners, Armourers, Carpenters, Smiths, Masons, Bricklayers, Brick-Makers, Coopers, &c. for Quit-Rents and Presents to the neighbouring Kings and Great Men; for Mortality, and other Casualties attending the Castle Slaves; for a small Vessel for carrying Timber, Oystershells, Bricks, Lime, and other Materials, for repairing the said Fort; and for Wear and Tear of Boats, &c. The annual Charge of which cannot be exactly computed, but the Company conceive the same will not amount to so little as

Cape Coast

**Cape-Coast Castle**, (with its Out-works, viz. *Fort-Royal*, *Queen-Anne's Point*, and *Phipps's Tower*,) the principal British Fort in Africa, which the Company apprehend cannot be kept and maintained at a less Expence than as follows,

	Paid in England and one Half of the Salary, per Annum	Paid in Africa for the other Half of the Salary, and whole Diet, per Annum	Total in Coast and Sterling Money, per Annum.
41 Great Guns.			
25 ditto.			
7 ditto.			
5 ditto.			
For one Officer to inspect the Fortifications, and discipline the Garrison, at 60 l. Salary and 40 l. Diet,	30	70	100
For two Serjeants, at 30 l. and 20 l. each,	30	70	100
For six Corporals, at 20 l. and 15 l. each,	60	150	210
For four Gunners, at 30 l. and 20 l. each,	60	140	200
For six Gunners Mates, at 20 l. and 15 l. each,	60	150	210
For one Surgeon, at 100 l. and 50 l.	50	100	150
For two Surgeon's Mates, at 50 l. and 30 l.	50	110	160
For twenty-one White Artificers, at 30 l. and 20 l. each,	315	735	1050
For sixty-five White Soldiers, at 13 l. and 14 l. each,	390	1365	1755
For three-hundred Castle-Slaves for the Service of the Garrison, at 4 l. per Annum Subsistence-Money,			1200
For forty Canoe-Men, 8 l. per Annum each,			320
Incident Charges, being for Recruits, Medicines, Small Arms, Powder, Shot, and other Ammunition, Bricks, Tiles, Terras, Timber, Boards, Ironwork, and other Materials, for repairing the Castle, &c. and for all Sorts of Instruments, Stares, and Tools, for Surgeons, Gunners, Armourers, Carpenters, Smiths, Majons, Bricklayers, Brick-Makers, Coopers, &c. for Quit-Rents and Presents to the Natives; for Mortality, and other Casualties attending the Castle-Slaves, and Canoe-Men; for small Vessels, Pinnaces, and Canoes, for carrying Timber, Oyster-Shellbs, Bricks, Lime, and other Materials, for repairing the said Castle, &c. and for Wear and Tear of Boats and Canoes; the annual Charge of which cannot be exactly computed, but the Company conceive the same will not amount to so little as	1800	1800	3600
	2845	6210	9055

**Dixcove Fort**, as the Company conceive, is necessary to be kept up; because it furnishes all the other Forts on the Gold Coast with Timber and Oyster-Shells for Repairs, and is a Place where private Ships often water and buy Corn for their Negro Voyages; and is also the only Place where small Vessels may careen. The lowest Charge at which it may be kept they conceive is as follows,

24 Great Guns.	For one Serjeant, at 30 £. Salary, and 20 £. Diet,	15	£.	1.
	For two Corporals, —	20	35	50
	For one Gunner, at 30 £. and 20 £. —	15	30	70
	For one Gunner's Mate, at 20 £. and 15 £. —	10	25	50
	For four White Artificers, at 30 £. and 20 £. each,	60	140	200
	For ten White Soldiers, at 13 £. and 14 £. each,	60	210	270
	For ten Black Artificers, at 6 £. each,		60	60
	For thirty Castle-Slaves, at 4 £. each,		120	120
	For five Canoe-Men, at 8 £. each, —		40	40
<i>For Incident Charges, the like as at Cape-Coast Castle.</i>				110
		110	220	
		290	825	1115

**Succundee Fort.** The Company conceive it necessary to be kept up, because the Dutch have a Fort at the same Place, within Gunshot thereof; and if the Company should demolish their Fort, the Dutch will grow too powerful in that Part of the Country; the ill Consequences whereof might extend to other Places, and even to *Anamaboo* itself. The lowest Charge at which this Fort may be kept, they conceive is as follows;

31 Great Guns,			
For one Serjeant at 30 £. Salary, and 20 £. Diet,	—	—	£.
For two Corporals at 20 £. and 15 £.	—	—	15 35
For one Gunner at 30 £. and 20 £.	—	—	20 50
For one Gunner's Mate, at 10 £. and 15 £.	—	—	15 35
For one Surgeon for this Place, <i>Discove, and Commenda,</i> at 60 £. and 40 £.	—	—	10 25
For ten White Soldiers, at 13 £. and 14 £. each,	—	—	30 70
For twenty Cattle-Slaves, at 4 £. each,	—	—	60 210
For five Canoe-Men, at 8 £. each,	—	—	80 40
Incident Charges <i>in like Manner for this Fort,</i>	—	—	40 40
			75 75 150
			225 620 845

## Commenda

**Commenda Fort**, within Musket-shot of a Dutch Fort, the Company conceive is necessary to be kept for the same Reasons given for *Succundee Fort*, and the lowest Charge at which the same may be kept they apprehend is as follows;

## 24 Great Guns.

For one Serjeant, at 30*l.* Salary, and 20*l.* Diet, —  
 For two Corporals, at 20*l.* and 15*l.* —  
 For one Gunner, at 30*l.* and 20*l.* —  
 For one Gunner's Mate, at 20*l.* and 15*l.* —  
 For twenty White Soldiers, at 13*l.* and 14*l.* —  
 For twenty Cattle-Slaves, at 4*l.* each, —  
 For five Canoe-Men, at 8*l.* each, —

Incident Charges *in like manner for this Fort.* — — —

Paid in England one Half of the Salary per Ann.	l.	l.	l.	Total in Cash and Sterling Money, per Ann.
	15	35	50	
	20	50	70	
	15	35	50	
	10	25	35	
120	420	540		
		80	80	
		40	40	
	80	80	160	
260	765	1025		

**Tantumquerry Fort**, lying between the Dutch Forts at Cormantine and Apong, and necessary to be kept up, for the Reasons given for *Succundee* and *Commenda*. The lowest Charge for which it may be kept, the Company conceive, is as follows;

## 3 Great Guns.

For one Serjeant, at 30*l.* Salary, and 20*l.* Diet, —  
 For two Corporals, at 20*l.* and 15*l.* —  
 For one Gunner, at 30*l.* and 20*l.* —  
 For one Gunner's Mate, at 20*l.* and 15*l.* —  
 For ten White Soldiers, at 13*l.* and 14*l.* each, —  
 For twenty Cattle-Slaves, at 4*l.* each, —  
 For five Canoe-Men, at 8*l.* each, —

Incident Charges *in like manner for this Fort.* — — —

Paid in England one Half of the Salary per Ann.	l.	l.	l.	Total in Cash and Sterling Money, per Ann.
	15	35	50	
	20	50	70	
	15	35	50	
	10	25	35	
60	210	270		
		80	80	
		40	40	
	75	75	150	
195	550	745		

**Winnebah Fort**, lying between the Dutch Forts at Apong and Barracoe, near a River of fresh Water, and in a Country of good Trade; and therefore, as the Company conceive, necessary to be kept up: And as they apprehend may be done at the following Charge;

## 36 Great Guns.

For one Serjeant, at 30*l.* Salary, and 20*l.* Diet, —  
 For two Corporals, at 20*l.* and 15*l.* each, —  
 For one Gunner, at 30*l.* and 20*l.* —  
 For one Gunner's Mate, at 20*l.* and 15*l.* —  
 For fifteen White Soldiers, at 13*l.* and 14*l.* each, —  
 For twenty Cattle-Slaves, at 4*l.* each, —  
 For five Canoe-Men, at 8*l.* each, —

Incident Charges *in like manner for this Fort.* — — —

Paid in England one Half of the Salary per Ann.	l.	l.	l.	Total in Cash and Sterling Money, per Ann.
	15	35	50	
	20	50	70	
	15	35	50	
	10	25	35	
90	315	405		
		80	80	
		40	40	
	75	80	155	
225	660	885		

**Accra Fort**, situated within Gun-shot of a Dutch Fort, and within three Miles of a Danish Fort, the last British Fort on the Gold Coast, is a Place of good Trade, and the only Place for Salt on the Gold Coast; and as the Company conceive necessary to be kept for preserving an Equality of Power between this and other Nations in those Parts. The lowest Charge for which it may be kept is, as they apprehend, as follows;

## 40 Great Guns,

For one Serjeant, at 30*l.* Salary, and 20*l.* Diet, —  
 For two Corporals, at 20*l.* and 15*l.* each, —  
 For one Gunner, at 30*l.* and 20*l.* —  
 For one Gunner's Mate, at 20*l.* and 15*l.* —  
 For one Surgeon for this Place, Winnebah, and Tantumquerry, at 60*l.* and 40*l.* —  
 For twenty White Soldiers, at 13*l.* and 14*l.* —  
 For thirty Cattle-Slaves, at 4*l.* each, —  
 For five Canoe-Men, at 8*l.* each, —

Incident Charges *in like manner for this Fort.* — — —

Paid in England one Half of the Salary per Ann.	l.	l.	l.	Total in Cash and Sterling Money, per Ann.
	15	35	50	
	20	50	70	
	15	35	50	
	10	25	35	
30	70	100		
120	420	540		
		120	120	
		40	40	
125	125	250		
335	920	1255		

Williams'

**William's Fort**, at *Wbydab*, near a *French* Fort at the same Place, built for the Protection of the Trade there; and has been of great Use to the separate Traders as well as to the Company, during the late Wars in that Country; and will be further useful, when the Country comes to be settled, and the Trade which is now, in Part, carried a little way lower down to *Jacquin*, comes to return to its old Channel again. The lowest Charge for which this Fort may be kept is, as the Company conceive, as follows;

32 Guns.

For one Serjeant, at 30*l.* Salary, and 20*l.* Diet,  
For two Corporals, at 20*l.* and 15*l.* each,  
For one Gunner, at 30*l.* and 20*l.*  
For one Gunner's Mate, at 20*l.* and 15*l.*  
For one Surgeon, at 80*l.* and 40*l.*  
For one Surgeon's Mate, at 50*l.* and 30*l.*  
For six White Artificers, at 30*l.* and 20*l.*  
For twenty White Soldiers, at 13*l.* and 14*l.*  
For one hundred Castle-Slaves, at 4*l.* each,  
For ten Canoc-Men, at 8*l.* each,

Incident Charges in like manner for this Fort.

Paid in <i>England</i>	Total in Coast and Sterling Money, per Ann.
1.	1.
15	50
20	70
15	50
10	35
40	120
25	80
90	300
120	540
400	400
80	80
175	350
310	1565
175	2075

### Abstract of the foregoing Charges.

*James's Fort* in the River *Gambia* —  
*Cape-Coast Castle* (with *Fort Royal*, *Queen-Anne's Point*, and *Phippi's Tower*), —  
*Dixcove Fort*, —  
*Succundee Fort*, —  
*Commenda Fort*, —  
*Tantumquerry Fort*, —  
*Winnebah Fort*, —  
*Accra Fort*, —  
*William's Fort* at *Wbydab*, —

Paid in <i>Africa</i> the other Half of the Salary, and whole Diet, per Ann.	Total in Coast and Sterling Money, per Ann.
1.	1.
1080	3200
2845	9055
290	1115
225	845
260	1025
195	745
225	885
335	1255
510	2075
5965	14235
5965	20200

Total of the Charges per Ann. in Coast and Sterling Money.

20,200

OR, Reducing the same into Sterling Money thus;

Paid in *England*, 5965*l.*  
Paid in *Africa* 14235*l.* being the Produce of Goods, Necessaries, and Provisions bought in *England* for 9490*l.* Sterling } 5965 } 15,455  
9490 }

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### FORTS and CASTLES in *Africa*,

Royal African Company of *England*:

NECESSARY

For Securing and Preserving to Great Britain the Trade to those Parts; and of the Charge of Keeping and Maintaining each of them.

Belonging to the

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